

**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS MEETING
MONTHLY MEETING AUGUST**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Pleasant Valley Fire District was held on Tuesday, August 10th, 2021 at the Pleasant Valley Fire Station #1, 1619 Main Street. The meeting was called to order at 1930 hours by C/JA with a salute to the flag.

Commissioners present: C/ALBRECHT (JA)
 C/JOHNSON (EJ)
 C/LUBY (KL)
 C/LAWLOR (ML)
 C/GEERLINGS (WG)

Other District Staff:

 S/BROAS (JB)

Minutes from the Previous Meeting – Motion by C/WG seconded by C/ML to approve the minutes from July 2021. Passed by all.

Bills – Attached is a list of the monthly bills for August 2021 that totaled \$32,084.94 for the general fund. Motion by C/EJ seconded by C/KL to pay the bills if found correct. Passed by all. C/WG made a motion to revise the bills for the June 2021 meeting to \$110,981.64 and the July 2021 meeting to \$76,431.65 this was seconded by C/KL and all were in favor.

Open Meeting to the Public -

None

Close Meeting to the Public

Communications:

- Letter from DEC awarding the Forestry Grant
- Workers comp information
- IRS change of address information
- Reimbursement from Arlington Fire District
- Firefly engagement letter for 2021

Membership

- Derick Pinelli – Quaker Hill – station1
Motion by C/KL and seconded C/ML to approve application. All were in favor.

Committee Reports – Equipment & Apparatus Committee:

- No report
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Monthly Maintenance Report – Attached.

Buildings & Grounds – Station #1

- C/WG said that we have cleaned out the quartermaster room and moved it to the training room. The entire room is painted, and security doors are done, floors are cleaned. We will start assembling shelves on Monday. Try and stop the water from hitting the ceiling. AC/Luby and Captain Cronk are waiting to start working.
- Update on the sign...sign is in and looking to start installation in the beginning to Mid-September. Over the next couple of weeks you will be seeing site preparations being completed and the bell to be removed.

Building & Grounds – Station #2:

- C/JA stated that we need to look at the wiring for the hose dryer and gear dryer. We need to get this taken care of.

Insurance Committee:

- C/KL will get the information on the sign for company 1
- Insurance company sent back a check and no one has seen it. No one has seen it in the mail; C/KL will call her again.

Service Award Committee:

- Statements were fixed on 16 members and were sent out as new ones
- 2022 annual engagement letter was received

Policies:

- None

Safety:

- None

Officer's Reports – District Chief Hickman reported the following:

- Absent

1st Assistant Chief –AC/Cosenza reported the following:

- Working with Chris Maeder on writing PCR policy. There seems to be issues with open PCR's. We will meet with AC/Cosenza, Chris Maeder, Captain Martin, Career Staff, Lts.
- Replacing 56-69 will discuss at workshop
- Dry Hydrant Update from MTO Murphy and Knox Box update as well.

2nd Assistant Chief –AC/Luby reported the following:

- New member orientation will start within 1 month
- Sent email to Purchasing Director Harmuth with all wish list items
- Station 2 would like permission to go to Hyde Park for the 911 memorial, they will take 56-24

EMS Division – Rescue Captain Martin reported the following:

- Sorry for not attending the meetings lately
- We are working hard at trying to get the PCR's closed out.

MTO Murphy – reported the following:

- Absent but sent the following
- Thank you for the car seat event. 19 seats were checked, first 2-1/2 hours were non-stop, Lt. Castano is getting met the pictures the DCSO took that day. Ours was one of the more successful locations of the pop-up events held.

Unfinished Business:

- C/KL should be able to get the updated election process by the end of next week. He is almost done with it. Discussion on the election chair; Matt Cady and Bryan Corns like last year. They will talk to them. C/KL will meet with P/Murphy and go over everything.

New Business:

- Salt Point Auxiliary would like to have a fund raiser to help a sick member. We need more information on this. Just a reminder that the chief staff needs to be notified of a member out of service for medical.
- Key Fobs are not going to work due to the server issue. The vendor is working on getting this to work properly.
- C/ML reported that we are still working on getting everything cleared up with Dutchess County Civil Service Department.
- C/ML discussed the receiving of the DEC grant for the Forestry Grant; the Board must match the \$1500. C/KL made a motion to match the grant for \$1500 it was seconded by C/WG and approved by all.
- C/JA made a motion to accept the DEC Forestry Grant it was seconded by C/WG it was approved by all
- Discussion on the new Chief criteria; Terry Hannigan is looking into this for clarification. Fire Officer 3 is the level that will be needed.
- Discussion about calls at 1435 Route 44, regarding setting up a meeting to figure out how to work together with them.
- AC/Luby would like October 3rd – 9th is Fire Prevention week can we do an open house? Free information on Recruit New York week that can be used. Sunday, October 3rd, 2021. Come back with a cost next month.
- C/WG and the PV Weekend committee met with Dutchess County regarding the Parade and bikeathon and the County Executive is against closing the county down for outdoor events.
- Lt. Meyer asked about the Board paying for the cleaning of the uniforms. C/WG will talk to the cleaner in the Valley

Open Meeting to the Public for Comments:

- None

Adjournment: There being no other business to be brought before the Board, motion by C/JA seconded by C/KL to adjourn to executive session for an issue regarding Employment history of 2 individuals as it relates to medical and personal matters. Passed by all. The Meeting was adjourned at 2020 hours to executive session. The meeting was reopened at 2050 hours and went back to New Business; C/ML made a motion to accept the

resignation letter from Cameron Tuller effective August 30th at 7am it was seconded by C/WG and approved by all with a discussion about the amendment for pay back.

C/WG made a motion to accept the full disability payment for LOSAP for Firefighter 305, it was seconded by C/ML and all were in favor. S/Broas will forward the paperwork to Firefly.

With no further business coming before the Board C/EJ made a motion to adjourn at 2055 and it was seconded by C/KL, all were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,



Jennifer Broas
District Secretary